



### REMARKS

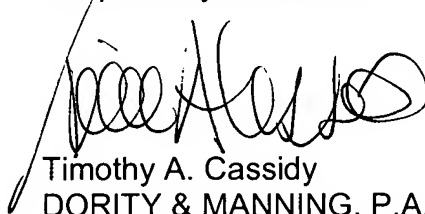
In the previous office action the examiner noted that all claims in which the hydrophobic agent had been specified as a guerbet ester were allowable. In light of this, all independent claims (1, 16 and 36) have been amended to incorporate the allowable restrictions of now cancelled claims 3, 18 and 41, which specified the hydrophobic agent as being a guerbet ester.

All currently pending claims should now be in complete condition for allowance. Should any issues remain after consideration of this amendment, however, then Examiner Befumo is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at her convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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